

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1588 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) to seek firefighting aircraft from the Federal Excess Property Program which the administration already has the authority to do and is currently doing. Additionally this bill also takes some of the flexibility away from the Office of Emergency Services, the Office of Homeland Security and CDF on deciding how to best deploy the aircraft.

For these reasons I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger